

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Vice Chair Janna Taylor, on April 10, 2007 at 9:06 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 166, SB 115, SB 205, SB 202,
SJR 11, 4/9/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 166

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:00 Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 166, Family and purple heart recipients fish and hunt game birds for free.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:37 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department

00:03:30 Trapper Badovinac, self
[EXHIBIT](#)(aph75a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:05 Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 205

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:40 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 205, Eliminate vacancy saving application to game wardens. Rep. Ripley will carry on the floor.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:55 Jean Johnson, Montana Game Wardens' Association, Montana Outfitters Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph75a02)

00:13:58 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:15:04 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:54 Sen. Jent

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:27 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 115, Revise allocation of wildlife crime restitution penalties to Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP).

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:16 Jean Johnson, Montana Game Wardens' Association
00:21:43 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Department

EXHIBIT (aph75a03)

00:22:34 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:13 Rep. Witte
00:25:36 Mr. Hagener
00:24:14 Rep. Witte
00:25:28 Rep. Ripley
00:25:58 Rep. Jayne
00:27:03 Mr. Hagener
00:27:29 Rep. Jayne
00:29:38 Sen. Jent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:17 Sen. Jent

HEARING ON SB 202

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:18 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 202, Public financing of supreme court campaigns.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:29 Rep. Diane Sands, HD 95

EXHIBIT (aph75a04)

00:47:09 Gordon Bennett, retired; former Assistant Attorney General; lawyer; judge, First Judicial District, Helena for 18 years; lawsuit mediator

EXHIBIT (aph75a05)

01:12:12 Sen. Jim Shockley

01:13:00 Rita Blouke, Vice President, Helena Area League of Women Voters of Montana

01:14:19 Peggy Provasko, self; state attorney, Butte; State Bar of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:16:19 Mike Fellows, Missoula

EXHIBIT (aph75a06)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:33 Rep. Wells

01:23:30 Sen. Laslovich

01:23:41 Rep. Wells

01:24:26 Mr. Bennett

01:25:28 Rep. Ripley

01:25:52 Sen. Laslovich

01:26:29 Mr. Moe

01:26:57 Rep. Wells

01:29:17 Sen. Laslovich

01:30:39 Rep. Taylor

01:31:26 Sen. Laslovich

01:31:34 Rep. Taylor

01:32:12 Rep. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:27 Sen. Laslovich

01:37:28 Break

HEARING ON SJR 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:51:56 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SJR 11, Study treasure state endowment program.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:55:02 Jim Edgcomb, Director, Treasure State Endowment Program
(TSEP), representing Tony Priete
01:57:20 Michael O'Bryan, Great Falls
02:02:58 Dave Aune, Principal, Great Western Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:08:04 Rep. Wells
02:09:17 Sen. Black
02:10:46 Rep. Wells
02:11:34 Mr. Edgcomb
02:13:02 Rep. Witte
02:13:16 Mr. Edgcomb
02:13:36 Rep. Witte
02:14:59 Mr. O'Bryan
02:15:17 Rep. Witte
02:15:46 Sen. Black
02:16:40 Rep. Taylor
02:17:37 Sen. Black

Closing by Sponsor:

02:18:57 Sen. Black

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:27 A.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph75aad.pdf](#))